(c) if so, the steps proposed to constitute such an advisory body for aviation.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) The private aviation sector is free to interact with the government either individually or collectively.

Requests for increasing the Indian Airlines flights

1648. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests have been received in 1996 to increase the number of Indian Airlines flights in different sectors of country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken on such requests?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines have received a large number of requests from different parts of the country to increase/introduce services during 1996. Within the resources available, Indian Airlines and Alliance Air together have been able to increase services on some routes while on some other routes it has not become possible due to crew/aircraft/airport/commercial constraints. A statement indicating the new services introduced/increased in 1996 is annexed.

Statement

List of new services introduced/increased in 1996

Requests received during 1996 for increase in air services	Source	Action Taken by Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air
1	2	3
Delhi-Vadodara	Federation of Gujarat Industries	Services increased from 4 B737 weekly to daily
Delhi-Nagpur-Raipur	M/s. Butibori Mfg. Association	Services increased from 6 B737 weekly to daily.
Delhi-Chandigarh	Shri C. Mishra	Services introduced on Delhi/Chandigarh/ Amritsar/Mumbai on 3 weekly basis by B737
Madras-Tirupati-Hyderabad Hyderabad-Vizag Hyderabad-Vijayawada	H'ble M.P./Ministry of Commerce	Services introduced Madras-Tirupati-Hyderabad 2 wkly Hyderabad Vizag 2 wkly

1	2	3
Madras-Trichy	Tourist Office, Madras	Services introduced by 2 A320 wkly
Calcutta-Ahmedabad	Bengal National Chamber of Comm. & Industries	Introduced Mumbai/Ahmedabad/ Jaipur/Calcutta 3 A 320/wk.

Extension of the runway of airports of the country

1649. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on extension of the runway of the airports of the country has been undertaken during 1995 and 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of such works have since been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the amount spent on each year as on 31st December, 1996; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extension of runway was undertaken during 1995 in Jaipur, Indore, Lilabari, Udaipur, Shimla, Calicut and Trivandrum airports at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.89 crores. In the year 1996, work on extension of runway was taken up at a cost of Rs. 24.38 crores at Jabalpur and Bhubaneshwar airports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The work at Jaipur airport has been completed and the amount spent is Rs. 7.43 crores which includes cost of widening of taxitrack.

(e) The projects are on schedule.

Problem faced by private airlines in the country

1650. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by the private airlines in the country;

(b) if so, the measures which Government propose to take to ameliorate the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that a seminar was recently organised in this regard;

(d) if so, the names of agencies/ organisations which took part in the seminar and the issues relating to the airlines industry which came up for discussion;

(e) what was the outcome of the discussions;

(f) whether any policy has been worked out; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from the domestic private airlines, from time to time, in which problems faced by them have been brought to our notice. All possible measures are taken from time to time, in this regard with a view to redress the difficulties within the given parameters.

(c) to (e) On 22nd February, 1997 a seminar on "Airline Industry in India —